



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Waterloo Elementary School
LAURENS 55
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 293
Principal: Taria D Stokes
Superintendent: Dr. Billy R. Strickland
Board Chair: Mrs. Susan Calhoun-Ware

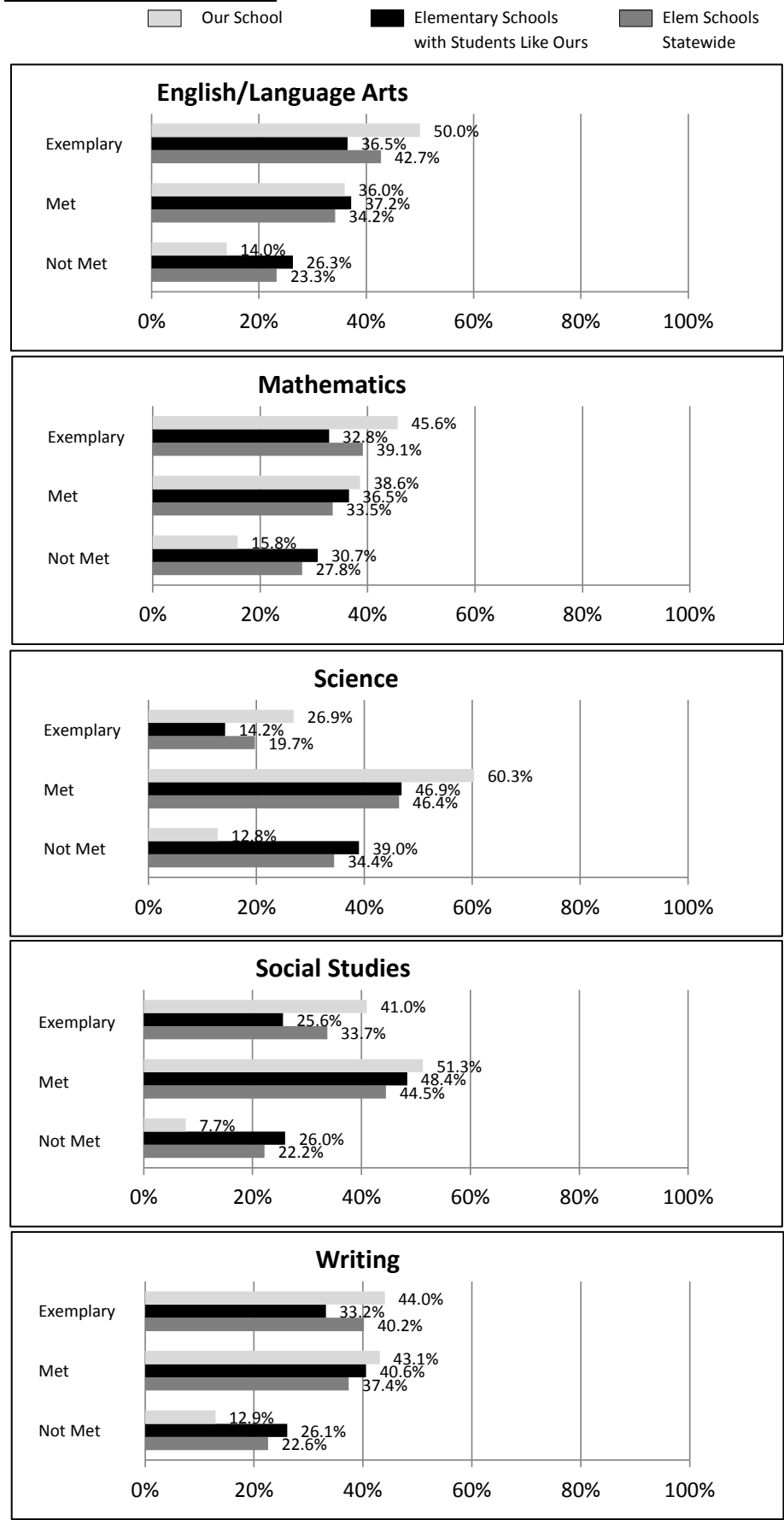
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.					
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM		
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator	
2014	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	Reward	
2013	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	GOLD	A	Reward	
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	SILVER	A	Reward	

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
16	16	97	5	0

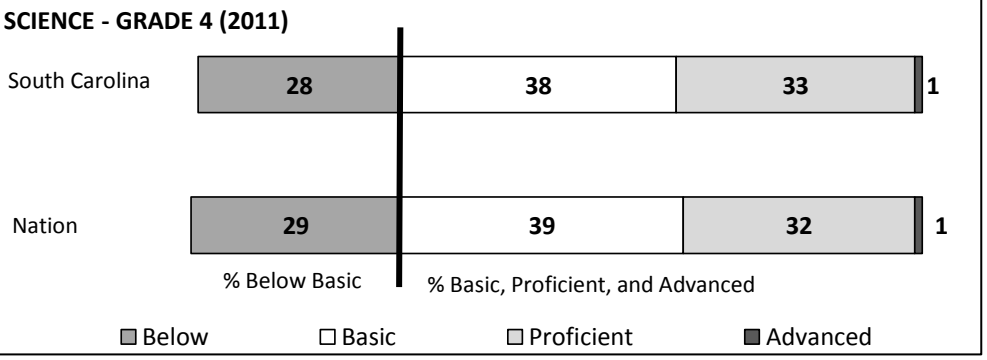
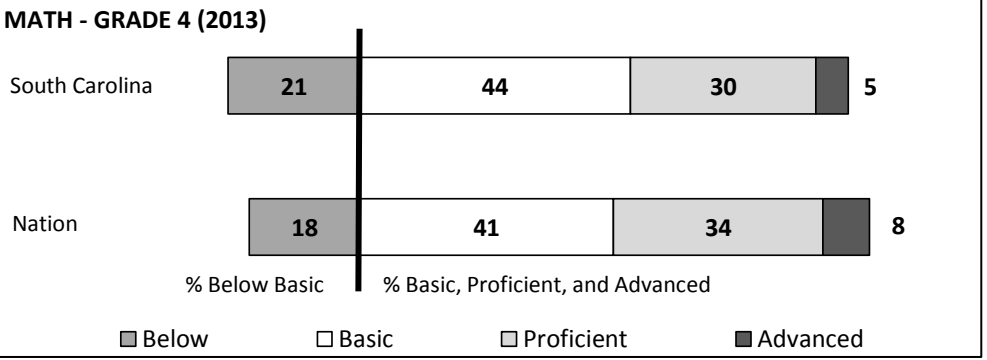
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample TBD-To Be Determined

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LAURENS 55

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 293)				
Retention rate	2.3%	Down from 3.7%	1.3%	1.0%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.0%	96.1%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.2%	Down from 7.5%	5.3%	7.3%
With disabilities	18.0%	Up from 16.6%	13.6%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	4.9%	Down from 5.1%	2.2%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 19)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	42.1%	Down from 50.0%	61.2%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	68.4%	Up from 62.5%	80.9%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.3%	Up from 79.3%	88.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.4%	No change	95.1%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,062	Up 6.0%	\$47,720	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	28.8 days	Up from 22.7 days	11.2 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	4.9 to 1	N/A	19.9 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.1%	Down from 93.2%	90.1%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.5%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,141	Up 19.8%	\$7,752	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.1%	Up from 63.0%	66.0%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.8%	Up from 63.0%	65.2%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	99.1	Down from 100.0	80.7	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	22	33	21
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	97.0%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.2%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	76.2%	91.2%	95.3%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Waterloo Elementary is a Title I school in Laurens School District 55 that is located approximately seven miles from downtown Laurens. The learning community at Waterloo is committed to providing all students with the education they need to be successful in life.

Student learning and success are the foundation for all activities and programs at Waterloo Elementary. Students are exposed to rich, interesting lessons on a daily basis. Students have the opportunity to participate in Math/Science Night, Literacy Night, Family Fun Night, Fall Festival, Career Expo, Student Success Night, a spring dance, and archery competitions at the local and state levels. Students are celebrated for their achievements frequently through MAP growth/achievement parties, a PASS pep rally, and our annual Awards Day program. Due to this focus on achievement, Waterloo has had the privilege of receiving Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for Closing the Gap and Student Achievement. Waterloo was also designated as a grade A school for both the 2012 and 2013 school years. During the 2013-2014 school year, Waterloo was recognized as the Title I Distinguished School in South Carolina.

Waterloo Elementary is committed to serving the whole child. Therefore, students attend computer, media center, art, music, physical education, and guidance classes. Providing these classes for students allow them the opportunity to obtain the skills they will need to compete in the 21st century.

The faculty and staff believe that school is a place for not only student learning, but also adult learning. Teachers engage in collaborative planning sessions weekly with our instructional coach and administrative staff to ensure they are delivering age appropriate, standards-based lessons. In addition, teachers attend numerous professional development sessions after school as well as early release days during the school year to enhance their instructional knowledge and skills across content areas.

Building a strong home/school connection is essential to the growth of our young learners. Therefore, we invite parents to visit and participate in our school activities. Monthly activities are provided at varying times throughout year to ensure that parents have the opportunity to involve themselves in their child’s education.

Waterloo Elementary is thrilled about our progress! We look forward to continuing to grow in the area of student achievement!

Taria Stokes, Ed. S, Principal

George Austin III, SIC Chairperson